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SUBJECT: FORD/CARTER DEBATE

1. DEBATE NOT CARRIED ON TV DESPITE STRONG EFFORTS OF LOCAL STATIONS TO INTEREST NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES IN COST SHARING.

2. CHANNEL 2 TV 10:00 PM NEWS "TRAVISION" DEVOTED 15 MINUTES TO RESUME OF DEBATE IMAGINATIVELY USING TAPE OF FIRST DEBATE AS BACK-DROP FOR COMMENTATOR AND INCORPORATING EXCERPTS OF VOA TRANSMISSION.

3. RADIO CORPORACION, RADIODIFUSORA NCARIONAL AND RADIO 590 CARRIED DEBATE AFTER RECEIPT OF VOA TAPS FROM POST LAST NIGHT.

4. THURSDAY MORNING FIVE RADIO STATIONS MONITORED ALL GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO DEBATE.

5. MORNING DAILY, PRO-GOVERNMENT NOVEDADES HEADLINED ON FRONG PAGE "FORD AND CARTER DEAL HEAVY BLOW TO PANAMANIAN ASPIRATIONS" FOLLOWED BY LONG UPI SOTRY DEALING WITH CANDIDATES REMARKS ON CANAL AND CARTER'S REMARKS ON CHILE. ANOTHER WIRE SERVICE STORY "CARTER WINS SECOND DEBATE" QUOTED ROPER POLL DONE FOR PBS. ITEM.
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